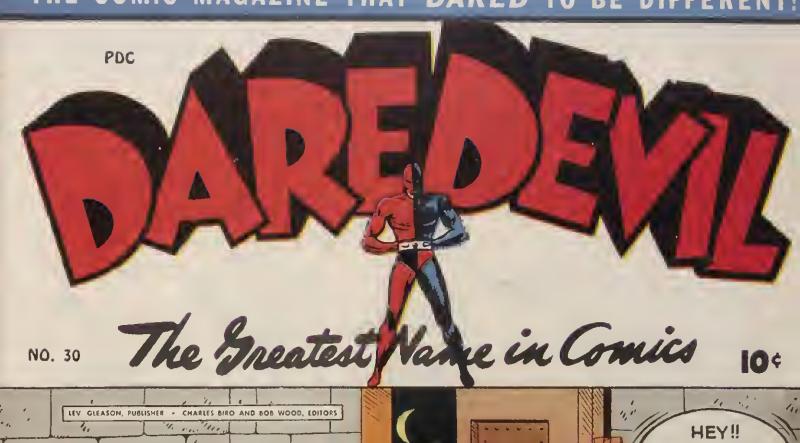
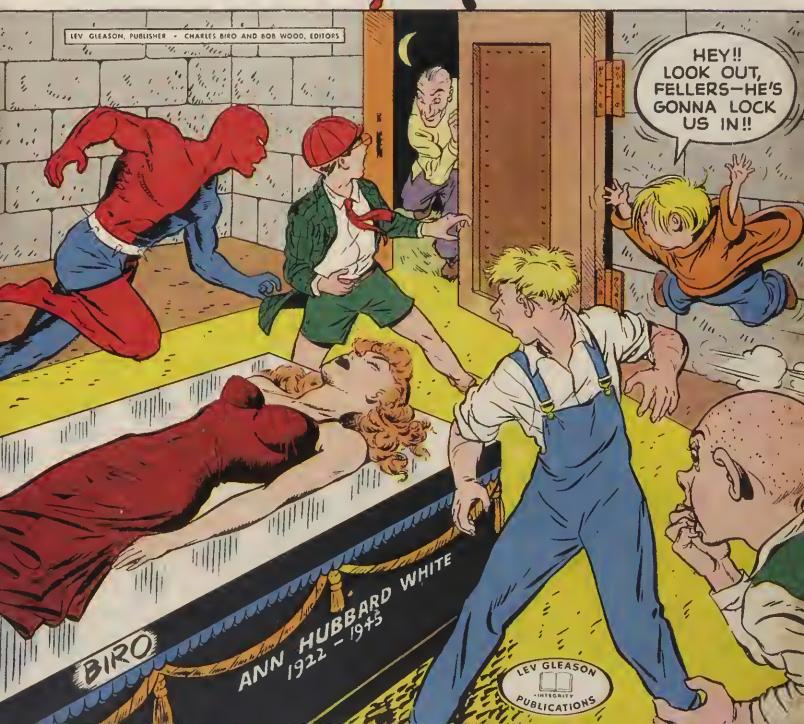
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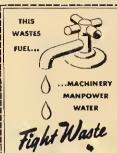
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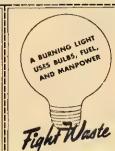
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BACK FROM
THE TRINKET
STAND!



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KID NOW...FROM
THE CARNIVAL!
HE WAS MOOSE'S
KID..THEN DE
COSTA MUST
BE MOOSE!



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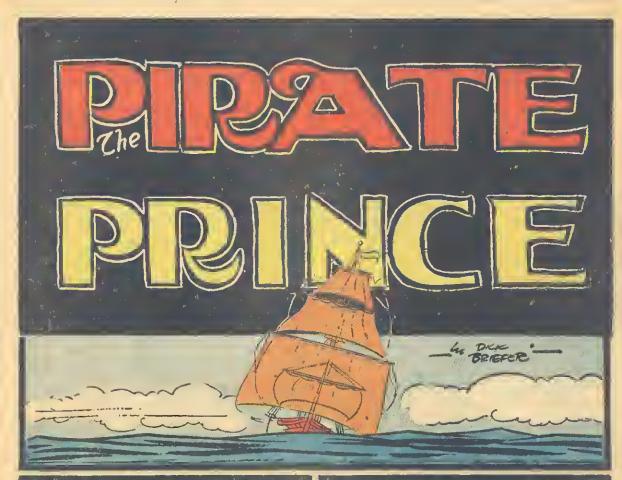




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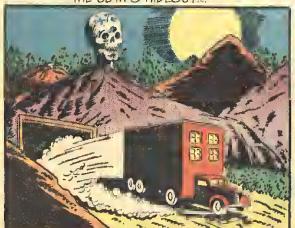
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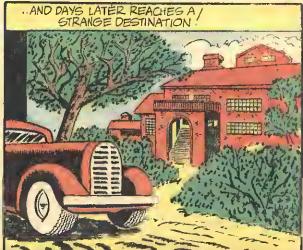
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STOLE YOUR EVERY
GADGET THIS MORNING!
THERE THEY ARE !!!
IS A SHAME YOUR
COMPLETED INVENTION
IS IN WASHINGTON!.
THEN YOU WOULD NOT
BE NEEDED!



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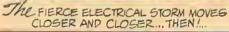








































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A

REAL CHAMP

By DICK WOOD

RIMEBUSTER and Squeeks walked across the wide hilly terrain of the Elmont golf and tennis club. At the top of a large sand dune Crimebuster suddenly stopped.

"Suffering cats," he exclaimed. "Look at the activity up at the club house. I thought since the war this place had been practically given over to farming."

Quickening their pace, America's ace crimecracker and his pet monkey reached the club house and mingled with a dozen others all attired in tennis clothes and swinging their tennis rackets. An old, round-faced man popped out from a bustle of men near the water fountain and slapped Crimebuster on the back.

"Crimebuster! What the devil are you doing here?"

"Hello, Pop," Crimebuster grinned. "I'm just taking a few days off, but tell me . . . what goes on up here?"

Pop frowned. "It's a tennis tournament. We're running it early this season for the war bond drive, and also for some of the fellers to play before they go into the army. But things aren't going so well," he added slowly. At this moment a tall, surly appearing young man brushed past them and old Pop frowned deeper. He turned suddenly and motioned Crimebuster toward the back.

"C'mon in my back room," he said, "I'll give you the sad story."

Pop put his feet up on the desk and began chewing a large black cigar.

"It all started when Charlie Webster, the millionaire, offered a five thousand dollar war bond to the winner of the tennis tournament if we'd run one. Guess he figured there weren't

many young men left in Elmont and he wanted to see them have a little fun before they went into the army."

"I always believed Webster had a soft heart underneath that tough face of his," Crimebuster cut in.

"That he has," replied old Pop. "But he's a stickler for detail and I've seen him argue over five cents for an hour... but now let me get on with the story. Well the five grand war bond was fine and jake with us and it meant that Elmont stood to win the county high bond sale without any trouble at all. We were all very happy 'cause we've been shooting for that county title for months. Then just as we're all celebrating who should pop up but Larry Barton."

"Barton, the tennis champ?"

"That's right, Crimebuster, but he's more of a chump than a champ. You see the county officials don't register any bond sales in the contest unless the purchaser signs a statement promising that he won't cash them in until the war ends. Already Barton is talking about the fun he's gonna have with the money. It's a cinch, no one in Elmont can beat Barton, so it means he wins the bond, refuses to sign the paper and Elmont loses the county championship."

"That's quite a mess," said Crimebuster.

"Are you sure Barton won't consent to sign the paper, after all he's a resident of Elmont too?"

"That's just it. Even though he hasn't been here for years, it's his legal home. Otherwise I'd throw him out of the match. He won't sign anything and the big lug came half way across the country when he got wind of this just to pick up that big bond. I wouldn't mind him winning, rat that he is, if he'd be decent

and not turn it in. No sense folks making believe they're patriotic and buying bonds just to cash 'em in when other folks' backs are turned."

Crimebuster's eyes narrowed. "Pop," he said, "your tourney's just starting, sign me in, and put me on the opposite side of the draw from Barton. I'm no tennis champ, hut mayhe I can give the chump a fight."

Two days later Crimebuster stepped out on the championship court at the Elmont country club. He had spent a hard two days beating four opponents to reach the finals, and Barton. Now for the first time he was nervous. He hadn't played tennis seriously for months and a system of steadiness had pulled him past the other run of the mill players. But Barton was different. The surly, handsome athlete had beaten some of the nation's best players and he would murder any slow poke's safe and sure system that Crimebuster tried to use against him. Barton was a master of every shot and could drive, lob and volley with equal effectiveness. At his best after months of practice Crimebuster realized that the odds would be greatly against him in such a contest. But now, hardly warmed up, it might turn out to be a farce. Barton had swept through his matches casually without half trying. He hadn't begun to use the master strokes that had carried him into the tennis spotlight some years back. Crimebuster looked at old Pop's hopeful face on the sidelines and winced. The old man was relying on him to pull Elmont into the championship. Perhaps he should have kept his mouth shut and not gotten Pop's spirits up.

"C'mon guy," Barton smiled as Crimebuster reached the net. "You're all that stands hetween me and five thousand bucks. And what a time I'm gonna have with that!"

Crimebuster frowned. "Let's go," he said, The first set breezed hy quickly. Crimebuster was carefully placing his shots and Barton was casually blasting them hack for points. It was good tennis on both sides, but Barton was the master and Crimebuster the pupil. In the second set Crimebuster grit his teeth and began putting more punch into his shots. Vicious forehand drives ripped down Barton's alley, but the graceful artist of the courts seemed to be here, there and everywhere. His racket would flick out like a striking snake and push back defensively what he couldn't

slam home for a point. The sweat was pouring from America's ace youth of action now. He struggled desperately for each point, but the smiling, taunting face of Barton's was always there across the net laughing at his efforts.

The games were 3 to 1 for Barton in the second and last set when it happened. Crimebuster had just taken his service stance when he glanced over at old Pop. What he saw there turned his throat into a hard ball. The old man's eyes were wide and watery and it wasn't from the crisp spring air. For the first time anger welled up inside him. It wasn't right that one youth gifted with athletic ability should take advantage of a home town situation and hreak an old man's heart. Pop had fought too hard to put Elmont over the top not to get a square deal. Crimebuster's arm whipped through the air and sent a perfect service ace blasting past Barton. From here on it was do or die. He would have to gamble on spectacular shots and hope for the

In the next half hour the folk of Elmont had ringside seats to a championship tennis match. The confident smirk was gone from Barton's face now, He was fighting for his life. Using every trick in the book against a slender grim faced youth who had suddenly turned into a miniature Tilden. The second set went to Crimebuster 6-3. Then one, two, three, four games of the third and final set and still the master Barton couldn't stop the surge of victory. He was red faced and worried as his scorching drives and shots kept coming hack with added momentum. Both players were panting from their desperate exertion now. Barton cursing, Crimebuster praying. Praying that this astonishing streak of skill would stick with him to the last point. Then it was there. Game, set, and match point, with Barton serving. A perfect service slammed into Crimebuster's court and a racket flashed in the sun. A sensational backhand-return mousetrapped Barton in his service corner and the game was over-

Sometime later old Pop gazed down at Crimebuster as he sat hehind the desk signing a paper.

"Why, Barton is one of the country's best. It's fantastic . . . how did you do it?"

Crimebuster looked up and smiled, "I didn't Pop," he said. "WE did!"























ZONE 16

































T'ANKS!

HOW DID

YOUSE GUYS

LOCATE ME,

SWOHYMA !









































LISSEN, YOU MUGS! YA GOT DEM SEEDS WE BRUNG ? TOMORROW MORNING WE STARTS PLANTIN'! WIO OIS RICH SOIL, WE'LL PROBABLY BE ABLE TA PICK DA CROPS TOMORROW NIGHT, TAKE 'EM BACK TO DA CITY, AN' MAKE A MILLION BUCKS! SO LET'S GET SOME SLEEP!



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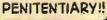
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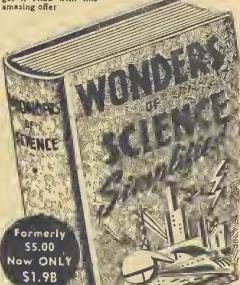
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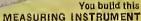
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